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AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 4, 2026
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
Conference Room 308
State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street

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A M E N D E D A G E N D A

The following measure(s) has been **ADDED** to the agenda: **HB2429 HD1**

The following measure(s) has been **ADDED** to the agenda: **HB2148, HB2306, HB2007 HD2, HB2049 HD2, HB2616 HD1**

[HB 2459, HD2](#)
[\(HSCR755-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE FOOD AND PRODUCT INNOVATION NETWORK.

AGR, CPC, FIN

Requires the Food and Product Innovation Network to integrate a coordinated food safety and regulatory framework. Requires the Agribusiness Development Corporation to establish performance indicators for the Food and Product Innovation Network, develop a market access strategy, align and harmonize state branding initiatives, and report certain data to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)



<u>HB 1616, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR540-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Clarifies that the disposition of agricultural park lots for commercial activity may occur after the initial development of the agricultural park and regardless of whether the applicable county council approved plans and specifications for the future disposition of lots for commercial activity, with certain exceptions. Authorizes the care and production of swine and swine products within certain agricultural parks and under certain conditions. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	AGR, WAL, FIN
<u>HB 1799, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR334-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE COUNTIES. Expands on a county's experimental and demonstration housing project authority to include the development of commercial projects. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	HSG/WAL, FIN
<u>HB 1604, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR571-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURAL WORKFORCE HOUSING. Establishes an Agricultural Workforce Housing Working Group within the Department of Agriculture and Biosecurity to address the shortage and challenges of agricultural workforce housing in the State. Requires reports to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	AGR, HSG, FIN
<u>HB 1732, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR740-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO HOUSING. Establishes the Kamaaina Homes Program within the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation to provide funding to the counties to purchase voluntary deed restrictions from eligible homebuyers. Sunsets 6/30/2032. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HSG, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 1736, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR747-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO ANIMAL CONTROL. Establishes the Spay and Neuter Special Fund to reduce pet overpopulation, including the free-roaming cat population, and authorizes an income tax designation to provide revenues into the special fund. Requires cats over five months of age to be surgically sterilized unless covered by an intact cat declaration, and conditions the importation of intact cats on state and county declaration requirements, with certain exceptions. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	AGR, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 1931, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR754-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO AGRICULTURE. Establishes a State Noxious Weed Coordinator and updates the process for designating and managing noxious weeds. Allows public proposals to add, amend, or remove noxious weed designations. Requires notice and public reporting. Clarifies the authority of the Department and Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity. Authorizes updates to the noxious weed list to be adopted by order and classifies noxious weeds into three categories. Strengthens enforcement and penalties. Updates departmental duties for noxious weed control and eradication. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	AGR, JHA, FIN
<u>HB 772, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR170)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE. Disallows the use of campaign funds to purchase up to two tickets for an event or fundraiser held by another candidate or committee. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	JHA, FIN



HB 2153, HD1 (HSCR745-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO LAW ENFORCEMENT.</p> <p>Establishes, and appropriates funds for, the Kūpa‘a Law Enforcement Retention Bonus Program within the Department of Law Enforcement to provide retention bonuses to Department law enforcement officers for three years. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>JHA, FIN</p>
HB 2122, HD1 (HSCR561-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO TEACHER HOUSING.</p> <p>Establishes the Teacher Housing Assistance Program to provide housing vouchers to certain eligible teachers. Appropriates funds out of the Teachers' Housing Revolving Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>EDN, HSG, FIN</p>
HB 2009, HD1 (HSCR374-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT.</p> <p>Extends child care subsidies to disabled parents or guardians, regardless of their employment status. Requires the Department of Human Services to evaluate caregiver capacity and dependent-care responsibilities when determining eligibility for Medicaid Home- and Community-Based Services. Requires the Department of Human Services to update its health and functional assessment protocols related to at-risk needs determinations. Appropriates funds. (HD1)</p>	<p>HSH, FIN</p>
HB 2012, HD1 (HSCR369-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO COMMUNITY LITERACY LABS.</p> <p>Establishes and appropriates funds for the Department of Education to establish and implement a two-year Community Literacy Labs Pilot Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>EDN, HSH, FIN</p>
HB 1779, HD1 (HSCR319-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.</p> <p>Expands free school meal coverage, beginning with the 2029-2030 school year, to all public school students, including public charter school students, regardless of whether the student participates in a federal school meals program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>EDN, FIN</p>
HB 2296, HD1 (HSCR316-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO SCHOOL MEALS.</p> <p>Reduces the amount the Department of Education is authorized to charge for school meals to all students enrolled in department schools to no more than one-quarter of the cost of preparing the meals. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>EDN, FIN</p>
HB 2397, HD1 (HSCR520-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO SCHOOL FACILITIES.</p> <p>Transfers school impact fees from the Kalihi-Ala Moana school impact district to the School Impact Fees subaccount of the School Facilities Special Fund for the acquisition and renovation of one or more buildings in the downtown Honolulu area to develop and expand pre-kindergarten and charter school capacity. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>EDN, FIN</p>
HB 2398, HD1 (HSCR493-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO LIBRARIES.</p> <p>Clarifies that the Board of Education, through the State Librarian, has exclusive authority over the development, use, support, and improvement and maintenance of public library system facilities. Allows the Board of Education to authorize the State Librarian to exercise exclusive control of certain land for development or expansion purposes, subject to legislative appropriation. Requires the Department of Education to expeditiously cooperate with the State Librarian and Hawaii State Public Library System to effectuate any project authorized by the Board of Education on certain lands. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>EDN, FIN</p>



HB 1596, HD1 (HSCR529-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO STUDENT BASIC NEEDS SUPPORT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.</p> <p>Establishes a Basic Needs Pilot Program at a single campus of the University of Hawaii system. Authorizes the establishment of a Housing Stability Pilot Project at that campus. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. Sunsets 6/30/2028. (HD1)</p>	<p>HED, HSH, FIN</p>
HB 2233, HD1 (HSCR612-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM-EDUCATION PROGRAM.</p> <p>Appropriates funds to the University of Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resilience and the Department of Health to continue their implementation of the Hawaii Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program–Education Program. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HSH, HED, FIN</p>
HB 1976, HD1 (HSCR395-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO DEMENTIA.</p> <p>Requires the Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, fire chiefs, Law Enforcement Standards Board, and Department of Health to provide or require the provision of at least one hour of dementia-specific training for first responders, including law enforcement officers, fire first responders, and emergency medical services personnel. Requires the Executive Office on Aging to take certain steps when reviewing and recommending dementia-specific training curricula. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>HLT, PBS, FIN</p>
HB 1563, HD2 (HSCR672-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS.</p> <p>Repeals the preemption on county ordinances that regulate the sale of cigarettes, tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>HLT, CPC, FIN</p>
HB 815, HD1 (HSCR556) Status	<p>RELATING TO HEALTH INSURANCE.</p> <p>Requires the health benefits plan or plans established by the Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund board to meet or exceed the requirements of the Prepaid Health Care Act. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1).</p>	<p>LAB, CPC, FIN</p>
HB 1655, HD1 (HSCR278-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT.</p> <p>Allows public employers and exclusive representatives of bargaining units to negotiate certain retirement benefits. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>LAB, FIN</p>
HB 1851, HD2 (HSCR509-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION.</p> <p>Establishes an apprenticeship program income tax credit for certain qualified costs incurred by a taxpayer for a qualified apprenticeship program. Sunsets 12/31/2036. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)</p>	<p>LAB, ECD, FIN</p>
HB 1941, HD1 (HSCR422-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION.</p> <p>Amends the requirements for productions to qualify for the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax to include completing at least fifteen per cent of the production's principal photography within the same taxable year the production is qualifying for the film tax credit and completing or committing to complete fifteen per cent of the production's post-production in the State within the same taxable year the production is qualifying for the film tax credit or later taxable years. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026. Repeals 1/1/2033. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>ECD, FIN</p>



HB 2037, HD1 (HSCR293-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION.</p> <p>Increases the aggregate cap on credits allowed in any given year for the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit from \$50,000,000 to \$60,000,000. Extends the sunset of the tax credit to 1/1/2038. Applies to taxable years beginning after 12/31/2026. Repeals 1/1/2038. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>ECD, FIN</p>
HB 1635, HD1 (HSCR295-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO TAXATION.</p> <p>Makes broadcast and streaming platform productions and commercial advertisement productions with Internet-only distribution eligible to receive the Motion Picture, Digital Media, and Film Production Income Tax Credit. Repeals 1/1/2033. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>ECD, FIN</p>
HB 2201, HD1 (HSCR616-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO STATE ENTERPRISE ZONES.</p> <p>Increases the number of enterprise zones that may be nominated by each county. Amends the definition of "eligible business activity" to include recycling facilities and film production or operation of a Film Studio. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>ECD, FIN</p>
HB 1943, HD1 (HSCR506-26) Status	<p>RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.</p> <p>Expands the purposes of the establishment and operation of out-of-state offices to include collaboration with tourism agencies and stakeholders to execute tourism strategies. Requires, and appropriates funds for, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish an out-of-state office in Seoul, Republic of Korea. Appropriates funds for the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism's Beijing, Philippines, and Taipei offices to promote "Made in Hawaii" branded products and increase the export of Hawaii products. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>ECD/TOU, FIN</p>
HB 1163, HD1 (HSCR702) Status	<p>RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVERS LICENSING.</p> <p>Amends requirements to commercial driver's license qualification standards to meet current federal regulations to allow the State to issue a limited-term non-domiciled commercial learner's permit and non-domiciled commercial driver's license for applicants who are unable to provide proof of citizenship or lawful permanent residency. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)</p>	<p>TRN, FIN</p>
HB 2452 Status	<p>RELATING TO STATE BONDS.</p> <p>Authorizes issuance of general obligation bonds. Makes findings required by Article VII, Section 13, of the Hawaii State Constitution to declare that the issuance of authorized bonds will not cause the debt limit to be exceeded.</p>	<p>FIN</p>



DECISION MAKING

The following measure(s) were previously heard on **Monday, March 2, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** No public testimony will be accepted.

<u>HB 2429, HD1</u> <u>(HSCR417-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO TAX EXPENDITURE EVALUATION. Requires tax expenditure disclosure to, and evaluation by, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for certain income tax credits and general excise and use tax exemptions. Applies to tax years beginning after 12/31/2026. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)	ECD, FIN
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The following measure(s) were previously heard on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** No public testimony will be accepted.

<u>HB 2148</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE ESTATE AND GENERATION-SKIPPING TRANSFER TAX. Establishes an unrealized gains surcharge on certain property transfers subject to the estate and generation-skipping transfer tax. Except for certain types of properties within estates, lowers the applicable exclusion amount allowed.	FIN
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<u>HB 2306</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO INCOME TAX. Repeals future adjustments to the standard deduction and income tax brackets. Increases the applicable percentage of the employment-related expenses for which the child and dependent care tax credit may be claimed; provides for a disallowance period when there is a final administrative or judicial decision finding that the claim was due to fraud or disallowing the credit; and defines "adjusted gross income" for purposes of the child and dependent care tax credit as adjusted gross income as defined by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Extends the sunset for amendments made by Act 163, SLH 2023 to the child and dependent care tax credit, earned income tax credit, and food/excise tax credit.	FIN
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<u>HB 2007, HD2</u> <u>(HSCR618-26)</u> <u>Status</u>	RELATING TO THE HOUSEHOLD AND DEPENDENT CARE SERVICES TAX CREDIT. Increases a taxpayer's applicable percentage of employment-related expenses that is used to calculate the household and dependent care services tax credit. Extends the sunset date of the temporary increase in maximum employment-related expenses that are used to calculate the household and dependent care services tax credit, established by Act 163, SLH 2023, to 6/30/2030. Sunsets 6/30/2030. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)	HSH, ECD, FIN
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[HB 2049, HD2](#)
[\(HSCR743-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO HOUSING.
Restructures the conveyance tax to a marginal rate system for the sale of properties with residential use, adjusts the tax for multifamily properties to reflect value on a per-unit basis, and applies a cost-of-living adjustment to conveyance tax rates. Allocates revenues from conveyance tax collections. Allocates a portion of conveyance tax collections to the Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund to fund infrastructure programs in areas that meet minimum standards of transit-supportive density. Allocates a portion of conveyance tax revenues to the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust Fund. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

HSG/WAL, JHA,
FIN

[HB 2616, HD1](#)
[\(HSCR708-26\)](#)
[Status](#)

RELATING TO THE BANYAN DRIVE-MAKAOKŪ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.
Establishes the Waiakea Community Development District within the Hawaii Community Development Authority. Establishes the Waiakea Community Development District Special Fund. Specifies the powers and duties of the Authority as it relates to the new development district and amends the composition of the Authority to include representatives of the new development district. Establishes a Community Advisory Council to provide guidance regarding the redevelopment of the Waiakea Community Development District. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD1)

WAL, FIN

DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW

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Rep. Chris Todd
Chair

